

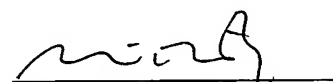
**REMARKS**

The present application is a US national application of PCT/IL99/00476. The present amendments, based on claims 1-15 as attached to the IPER and claims 16-19 as originally filed, have been made to place the application in proper US form. The application contains claims 1-19.

A marked-up copy of the amended claims is attached hereto.

An action on the merits is respectfully awaited.

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MARKED-UP AMENDED CLAIMS

3. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 [or claim 2] wherein the specified apparent color is determined from a measurement of a printed exemplar.

4. (Amended) A method according to [any of the preceding claims] claim 1 and including determining a mixture of colorants based on the adjusted spectrum.

7. (Amended) A method according to claim 5 [or claim 6] wherein the colorants comprise at least one process color.

8. (Amended) A method according to [any of claims 5-7] claim 5 wherein determining the mixture of color components comprises determining a percent coverage of the colorants of the separations on the substrate.

9. (Amended) A method according to [any of claims 5-8] claim 5 and including correcting the estimate of diffuse reflection based on a percent coverage of the substrate by the colorants and repeating the determination of the color mixture based on the corrected estimate.

13. (Amended) A method according to claim 11 [or claim 12] and comprising:

acquiring a reflection spectrum of the printed colorant including at least a wavelength region in which the color is not at or near saturation, wherein the OD is determined based on a reflectance measurement at a wavelength in which the color is not at or near saturation.

14. (Amended) A method according to claim 11 [or claim 12] wherein determining the OD comprises:

filtering the reflection through a filter which passes at least a portion of the wavelength region in which the color is not at or near saturation; and

measuring the filtered reflection.

16. (Amended) A method according to claim 14 [or claim 15], wherein the colorant is a process color and wherein the plurality of filters comprise a filter associated with each of the process

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colors, each said filter selectively passing only wavelengths for which the colorant has a high absorption and including:

determining which of the filters that do not cause a saturation condition in the measurement of OD, blocks a maximum of the reflected light and

utilizing the thus determined filter to filter the reflection prior to measurement.